

REMARKSMeeting with Examiner Nordmeyer

The 05 October 2010 in person meeting with examiner Patricia Nordmeyer is acknowledged with appreciation. The examiner's summary of the meeting is correct as to what transpired. At the meeting the claims, prior art and rejections in the office action were discussed. It was agreed that the claims as amended avoid the prior art of record. The examiner indicated that she would conduct a new search and notify the applicant of the result.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 26-32 stand rejected as indefinite. Phrases in claims 26 and 27 are indicated as unclear. Claims 26-27 are canceled. Accordingly, this ground of rejection appears to have been overcome.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 26-28 and 31-32 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Jung et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,372,341). Jung et al. is directed to a tamper-proof article. The present invention is directed to a multi-layer sheet for production of very large graphic panels suitable for placement on buildings (see paragraph 0080 of the present disclosure as published at US 2009/0263609 A1). Jung et al. does not teach the subject matter as a whole and thus cannot anticipate the present invention. Claim 33 (the sole independent claim) recites four layers and as agreed at the meeting with the examiner these four layers are not disclosed by Jung et al.

Claims 26-32 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Wilson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,296,277). Wilson et al. discloses an article having an adhesive for bonding to a variety of surfaces including commercial vehicles (see col. 3, lines 31-34). Wilson et al.'s article is provided with pegs 28 that provide repositionable adhesion (see col. 4, lines 58-59). Pegs 28 may be a composite of adhesive and beads (see col. 6, line 31). Wilson et al discloses a backing 12 with an adhesive layer 14 and pegs 28 (see Figs. 1 and 6) but does not disclose a first flexible support layer, a second silicone layer, a third layer comprising a three dimensionally microstructured layer of silicone and a fourth layer comprising a flexible adhesive substrate as recited in claim 33. As discussed at the meeting, Wilson et al does not disclose the invention as recited in independent claim 33.

Claim 41

At the meeting the examiner requested applicant's response to the office action comment on the substance of claim 41. Claim 41 is directed to the multilayer sheet of claim 31 wherein said additional exterior layer is facestock. As discussed at, for example, paragraph 0084 of applicant's published application

[t]he substrate may comprise a first adhesive layer forming a proximate first surface of the substrate and may optionally further comprise a first facestock layer in contact with the first adhesive layer and the facestock layer forming an opposing distal second surface of the substrate. The distal substrate surface may be printed e.g. using inks, pigments or colorants, with one or more images, indicia or designs or it may be unprinted, transparent, opaque, translucent, black, white or colored, either in part or over its entire surface.

It should be evident that the adhesive may bond the facestock to a desired surface (after removal of the silicone layers).

Conclusion

Claims 26-27 and 29-30 are canceled. Claims 28 and 31-32 are amended. New claims 33-41 are added. Applicant respectfully asserts that all of the claim recited herein are allowable over the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 102.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

Respectfully submitted,  
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